PRESIDENT: That is covered by the answer I gave. The Chief Engineer reports that the road is not fit to be taken over by Government as the work in that road is incomplete.

As regards the construction of a bridge at the Erattupetta kadavu it will be a very costly work and the work can be taken up in the order of urgency.

As for the compound walls around the Ramapuram and Kurumannur markets and sinking of a well in the Ramapuram market, the Land Revenue Commissioner thinks that it does not appear that compound walls are necessary in these two markets and as for the wells, he considers they are necessary and the Government will take the necessary action.

As regards the change of the kist months the subject has been repeatedly placed before Government and they consider that the change of kist months in one taluk alone or one division alone will cause great confusion in the accounts and for that reason they have once before decided that it is not possible to accept the suggestion. As for reducing the existing four instalments into two, Government apprehend that instead of giving convenience it may cause hardship to the ryots.

92. Needs of the Meenachil taluk.

MR. CHERIYATHU CHERIYATHU (*Member, Meenachil taluk, Group II*) spoke on the following needs of the Meenachil taluk:—

The territorial limits of the P. W. D. section, Meenachil, should be extended so as to cover all the pakuthies of the taluk. As at present constituted, some pakuthies in the north and north-western parts of the taluk were included in the Vaikom section, Muvattupuzha Sub-Division, Alwaye Division, and some pakuthies in the south-eastern parts of the taluk were included in the Ponkunnom section, Peermade Subdivisior. The different parts of the taluk should in future be constituted into one Section and placed under the supervision of the same Subdivision Officer.

A landing ghat should be constructed on the Meenachil river near the Palai bazaar. This would facilitate the loading and unloading of articles and help the growing trade of the bazaar.

The Munsiff's court at Meenachil should be housed in a Sirkar building. The court was for the last 18 years being held in rented buildings.

Government should take over for maintenance the following roads which had been opened by the ryots:

(*a*) the road from Cherppunkal on the Atirampuzha-Lalam road to Kozhuvanal on the Puliyannur-Vazhur road;

(*b*) the road from Kizhavankulam to Mattakara;

(*c*) the road from Kidangur to Marangattupalli on the Lalam-Kaduthuruthu road;

(*d*) the road from Lalam-Ramapuram road, 1st mile, to Ulavur;

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(*e*) the road from Lalam to Ramapuram;
(*f*) the road from Kattachira to Vempelli; and
(*g*) the road from Pullapallai to Marangattupalli.

The following roads should be taken up by Government:—

(*a*) the road from the K. K. road, 6th mile, to Kidangur should be extended to the Erattupetta-Kanjirapally road; and

(*b*) a road should be opened from the Ramapuram-Koothattukulam road to the Kothattukulam-Ozhavur road *via* Ramapuram, Kudapalam and Arikara,

(*c*) the road from Marangattupalli to Uzhavur *via* Kurichithanam should be made fit for cart traffic,

(*d*) the Putuveli-Uzhavur village road and the Monipalli-Uzhavur village road should be converted into public roads.

The canal running from Kudapalam *via* Puthenveli to Vettikattu mukku should be improved, as also the Uzhavur market tank, Arikara Kannothu tank, Puthuveli Vattamattom tank, Monipalli Virippu tank, Manani Virippu tank and Perunthanam tank.

The Puliyannur pakuthi and the Uzhavur pakuthi should be removed from the jurisdiction of the Ettumanur Stationary Magistrate and placed in the jurisdiction of the Magistrate's Court, Meenachil.

A Munsiff-Magistrate's Court should be established at Kuravilangad.

A dispensary should be established at Kidangur.

An Ayurveda Vaidyasala should be established at Olavur.

The following improvements should be made in the Lalam District Hospital:—

(1) provision of an additional in-patient ward;
(2) provision of a surgical ward; and
(3) appointment of a lady doctor and two nurses.

Compound walls should be raised round the Monipalli and Uzhavur public markets.

The Lalam pakuthi should be removed from Group II to Group I of the Meenachil taluk, for the purpose of elections to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

The Brahmin cremation ground situated in the middle of the Palai bazar should be immediately removed from there in accordance with the orders already issued by Government.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Cheriathu, in regard to revision of the jurisdiction of the Minachil P. W. Sub-division you are right in saying that the Minachil taluk goes under two P. W. Divisions and the question of bringing the whole taluk under one Sub-Division Officer is being considered by the Chief Engineer.

As regards the landing ghat near the Palai bazaar, the ghat is considered necessary and an estimate is being prepared by the Chief Engineer.

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There are a number of roads that you want to be taken over by Government. Of these, from Ramapuram to Lalom there is already a Government road, and Pullapalli-Marangattupalli road is already under Government maintenance. As regards the remaining five roads the Chief Engineer has stated that the roads are not completed and that they are not yet in a condition fit to be taken over by Government for maintenance.

You also ask for the opening of new roads or the widening of existing village tracts. The subject will no doubt receive due consideration at the hands of the Roads Board which will shortly be constituted.

Regarding the widening of the canal you mentioned, no action has hitherto been taken in the matter as this is the first time the subject is brought here. It will have to be investigated.

As regards the improvement of certain tanks you mentioned an estimate for improving Monipalli Viruppu tank has been sanctioned and work has been arranged to be carried out.

As for enclosing the Monipalli market the Land Revenue Commissioner has got an estimate prepared. For the Ulavur market he does not consider a compound wall to be necessary.

In regard to the provision of a Government building for the Munsiff's court at Minachil an estimate for Rs. 25,600 was sanctioned nearly 13 years ago. The estimate will need revision. The High Court have recommended the need for an early construction of the Munsiff's court and the matter will receive due consideration at the hands of Government.

As regards the establishment of a dispensary at Kidangur, the Medical Board is of opinion that, as Kidangur is situated midway between Ettumanur and Minachil where there are Government hospitals, there is no present need for a dispensary at Kidangur.

As for provision of an additional inpatient ward in the Lalom hospital it is understood that there are already 31 beds and the statistics do not, in the opinion of the Medical Board, warrant the opening of more beds.

In regard to the appointment of a lady doctor and nurses, the Medical Board considers that the matter deserves consideration and might be taken up when qualified women became available.

As regards the establishment of an Ayurveda Vaidyasala in Uzhavur, the member's suggestions will receive consideration.

The subject of the transfer of Lalom pakuthi from Group II to Group I will receive the consideration of Government.

As regards the removal of the Brahmin cremation ground Government have already ordered the removal of the Brahmin cremation ground at Pala and the opening of a public fish and vegetable market on the site of the existing cremation ground. The acquisition of the

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cremation ground for the proposed market and of a new site for the cremation ground far away from the Pala Bazaar at the cost of the Brahmins of the place have been sanctioned under the urgency clause of the Land Acquisition Regulation. The declarations for the acquisition of these lands have been published in the Gazette.

93. Needs of the Azhutha town.

MR. C. A. ANUMANTHAKUDI MEERA ROWTHER (*Member, Peermade taluk*) spoke on the following needs of Azhutha :—

Arrangements should be made for the supply of pipe-water in the town. At present the people of Azhuta were put to great inconvenience for want of good drinking water both in the hot and in the rainy season.

The *tarisu* lands in the area should be planted with fuel trees so as to ensure an adequate supply of fire-wood to the people.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Meera Rowther, in the matter of water supply to the town of Azhutha, the Chief Engineer has reported that an estimate is being prepared for the construction of a reservoir whence water could be supplied to the town.

As regards fuel supply it is felt that there is difficulty for fuel although there is even now a fairly large extent of *shola* land reserved for fuel. It is under contemplation to plant fuel trees in 300 acres of grass lands recently set apart for the purpose.

94. Needs of the merchants of Quilon.

MR. AYYUB ADAM SAIT (*Member, Mercantile and Trading classes, Quilon*) spoke on the following needs of Quilon :—

Masonry gutters should be provided on either side of the road from the Big Bridge to the Chinnakada motor junction.

The road from the Maharani Market to the Jews' shop junction and the road from the tobacco bankshall to the Kochupilammudu junction should be metalled and gutters should be provided on either side of the roads.

Gutters should be provided on either side of the lane between the tobacco bankshall and the Maharani Market and a culvert should be provided on the road running north to south in front of the Maharani Market.

The banks of the M. C. canal from the Kochupilammudu bridge to the Iron Bridge should be strengthened with masonry work, bathing ghats also being provided.

A wharf should be constructed on the eastern bank of the canal to the south of Big Bridge on the model of the wharfs on both banks of the canal to the north of the bridge.

A boat basin and a jetty should be constructed in either of the swamps to the east of Tamarakulam and to the east of the M. C. canal or in the alternative at Kurisummudu.

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